

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A laminated article, comprising a layer
(I)set as a containing a saponified product of an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) and a polyamide resin (B) selected from at least one of nylon 6, nylon 66 and nylon 6/66 and wherein the polyamide resin (B) is contained in the layer (I)a in an amount of 10 to 40 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) in layer (I)a, and a layer (II)set as b of a polyamide resin (C) which is adjacent to the layer (I)a directly or via ~~an~~ at least one of an adhesive resin layer and another layer set as c (c1, c2,...) from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene and ethylene-propylene copolymer, wherein the thickness of the layer (I)a is 3 to 500 μm and the thickness of the layer (II)b is 3 to 5000 μm ,
wherein the saponified product of an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) contains a sodium salt (M1) and a bivalent metal salt (M2), and an amount ratio (M1/M2) of the sodium salt (M1) to the bivalent metal salt (M2) is 0.01 to 15 calculated in terms of metal weight,
further comprising 3 to 50 ppm of a phosphorus compound calculated in terms of phosphorus and 10 to 1000 ppm of a hindered phenol antioxidant, and
wherein the laminated article has a layer composition selected from the group consisting of at least b/a/b, b/a/c, b/a/c1/c2, b/c1/a/c1/c2 and b/a/b/c.

2. (original) The laminated article of Claim 1, wherein the amount ratio (M1/M2) of the sodium salt (M1) to the bivalent metal salt (M2) is 0.02 to 5 calculated in terms of metal weight.

3. (previously presented) The laminated article of Claim 2, wherein the polyamide resin (B) is an end-capped polyamide resin.

4. (previously presented) The laminated article of Claim 2, wherein the saponified product of an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) further comprises a boron compound.

5. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 2, wherein the outermost layer of the laminated article is the layer (H)_b of a polyamide resin (C).

6. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 2, further comprising as an innermost layer of the laminated article a layer of a polyolefin resin.

7. (previously presented) The laminated article of Claim 1, wherein the polyamide resin (B) is an end-capped polyamide resin.

8. (previously presented) The laminated article of Claim 7, wherein the saponified product of an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) further comprises a boron compound.

9. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 8, wherein the outermost layer of the laminated article is the layer ~~(H)~~_b of a polyamide resin (C).

10. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 9, further comprising as an innermost layer of the laminated article a layer of a polyolefin resin.

11. (previously presented) The laminated article of Claim 1, wherein the saponified product of an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) further comprises a boron compound.

12. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 11, wherein the outermost layer of the laminated article is the layer ~~(H)~~_b of a polyamide resin (C).

13. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 12, further comprising as an innermost layer of the laminated article a layer of a polyolefin resin.

14. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 1, wherein the outermost layer of the laminated article is the layer ~~(H)~~_b of a polyamide resin (C).

15. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 14,
further comprising as an innermost layer of the laminated article a layer of a
polyolefin resin.

16. (currently amended) The laminated article of Claim 1, further
comprising as an innermost layer of the laminated article a layer of a
polyolefin resin.